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3. The AA gun emplacement east of the runway and was equipped with 6 x 37-mm AA guns.
4. At 1600 on 19 May, one train consisting of 3 boxcars occupied by air force soldiers and 3 flatcars with sideracks loaded with grey crates of different sizes was observed at Jueterbog railroad station. The largest crate was about 3 meters long, 2 meters wide, and about 2.5 meters high. The crates had no bulges.
5. At 0830 on 14 May, 30 flatcars with sideracks were parked at the spur track, which ran parallel to the main track, near the northeastern hangar at the field. The flatcars were loaded with aircraft crates which had pointed roofs. In the middle of the front sides and in the upper half of the rear sides the crates had small attachments. At about 1555, the train was observed at the spur track between the storage sheds of the field. 2
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19 and 20 May. There was no air activity. Officers and personnel were employed in assembly and maintenance work on the aircraft. There were several jet fighters of both the new and old type parked near the western hangars. The new type aircraft were covered with tarpaulins while the older jet fighters [] were still uncovered. Cleaning and lubricating work was being done on landing gears.

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23 May. At 0800, IL-28 with the black [] took off for a 40-minute flight over the firing range. The IL-28 towed a target which was fired at by several light AA guns. Before the first IL-28 landed, a second IL-28 also with towed target took off and was fired on in the same way.

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At 1300, a twin-engine aircraft circled over the firing range. After these aircraft had made five circles, a parachute was dropped, the ballast of which was fired at by light AA guns. The parachute descended slowly to the ground and had apparently no serious damages. The aircraft disappeared without landing at Jueterbog airfield. At 1030, Li-2 [] on the rudder assembly landed at the field and was parked near the western hangars. There was no air activity by jet fighters.

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At 1300, regular overhauling work was being done on tail assemblies, wings, landing gears etc. of the jet fighters, which were parked in a line in front of the hangars. It was observed that one new type jet fighter, which belonged to the formation in the northeastern hangars, was parked near the repair hangar. The new type jet aircraft of the formation from the western hangars were parked in the middle one of these hangars. After maintenance work was terminated, the aircraft were covered with tarpaulins and remained parked in front of the hangars.

24 May. Between 1600 and 1700, two IL-28s with towed targets circled over the firing range while their targets were intensively fired upon by light AA guns. There was no air activity by jet fighters. The aircraft were parked in a line in front of the hangars after having been towed out of the hangars. Their tarpaulins were removed.

25 May. Eight jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks were towed from the western hangars to the taxiway and took off at intervals of 20 to 25 minutes for individual flights after 1000. After taking off, the aircraft disappeared from view. Air activity was terminated at 1300. Between 1600 and 1700, two IL-28s towing air targets, which were fired at by light AA guns and AA machine guns, circled over the firing range. 1

7. On 20 May, four aircraft crates were seen in front of the northern hangar near the repair hangar. After removing the front walls of the crates, the red lids of the air intake and/or air exhaust apertures were seen. It could not be determined when the crates had arrived at the field.

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